

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraphs (*three new paragraphs*) at page 3, line 25:

Fig. 6 illustrates the novelty article of Fig. 1 with the face shown in caricature form.

Fig. 7 illustrates a cross-sectional view of the novelty article of Fig. 1 with voice signal technology.

Fig. 8. illustrates a cross-sectional view of the novelty article of Fig. 4 with the figurine located in a hollow portion of the article of fame.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 16 of page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The face portion (14) of the novelty article (10) of Fig. 1 is a generally realistic likeness of the famous person; however, the facial expression can be varied or exaggerated or be a caricature or cartoon-like rendering. An example of a caricatured face portion (15) is shown in Fig. 6. In one variation, the face of the famous person is textured similar to the texture of the article of fame. For instance, in the case of a baseball star, the stitching on the baseball could extend onto the face of the baseball star. As a further example, in the case of a soccer star, the checked pattern of the soccer ball could continue onto the face of the soccer star. In another variation, the geometry of the facial features could be modified to mimic the shape of the article of fame.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 15 of page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Optionally, the novelty article may include voice signal technology (100). This may include one or more recorded audio signals capable of playback. The recorded audio may include messages, sounds, music or other audio content related to the famous person. For instance, the baseball player represented in Fig. 1 could record a variety of unique phrases, whether inspirational, humorous or otherwise. An example of a novelty article (10) having voice signal technology (100) is shown in Fig. 7. The voice signal technology (100) may also include speech recognition functionality so the novelty article is interactive.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 4 illustrates another example of novelty article (40) comprising a three-dimensional representation of the face of a famous person, in this case a famous basketball player, that is positioned on a three-dimensional representation of an article associated with the fame of the person, in this case a basketball. The combined face and article of fame (42) of the present example is positioned as the head of a figurine (44). Here the figurine (44) is wearing the uniform of the team on which the player plays. The figurine (44) may be static or opposable. In the present embodiment, and as shown in Fig. 8, the combined face and article of fame [[(44)][(42)] is hollow and contains a plurality of interlocking segments (46) from which the figurine (44) may be assembled. As illustrated herein Fig. 4, the right side of the figurine (44) is an assembled arrangement while ~~three-right~~^{the} ~~left~~ left side is an exploded arrangement. In addition, a proportionally sized head (48) is also provided, which may be interchanged with the combined face and article of fame (42).